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This application is related to the following United States Patent Applications:

Serial No. 10/027,457 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0007~~] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

Serial No. 10/027,330 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0008~~] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING STORAGE OPERATING SYSTEM DATA IN SWITCH PORTS, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

Serial No. 10/027,330 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0020~~] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING SPARE DISKS IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Alan L. Rowe et al.

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